

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Oct. 26 -The Oct. KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on Oct. 26. Like last time K0VXU will send out an invitational link to members. Watch your email for details on the meeting time prior to meeting night. Hopefully, some day our meeting may actually be back at the Library Live. The famous Pie Eating Contest will be a virtual contest for now. W0NQX, Bob, won the virtual Pie Eating Contest last month with 3 pieces of homemade apple pie on Sept. 28.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER!



On the left is the beautiful tower / antenna of W0MB. The photo shows Mike's Mosley Pro-67 at 50'.

Many KCDXCers have Not sent in their antenna pictures yet!! Send your pic to be featured in the newsletter to ab0x@kc.rr.com.

New World-Wide DX Group Established
See DX News & Views for Details!



KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	30	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	54	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		186	36	2729
K0HQQ	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	231	332	193	151	110		1706
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	241	208	180	205		19	10	869
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	129	36	73	98		5	6	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

TONGANOXIE TOWER TALK DE K3PA



Here's some background for the newsletter (most of which you already know):

The tower is a Tashjian crank up/tilt over semi-self-supporting 90 footer from the estate of Fred, NØXA. The tower hole is about 9 ft by 8 ft and 8 ft deep. The base section was fabricated up by a ham who is an ironworker and is made of 1 in diameter rebar, about 3 foot per side and 7 foot high. We had to hammer deep through limestone, so the hole was a bit irregular and I had to make the top pad 9 foot by 12 foot. The ground slopes so the pad is a foot deep on one side and 4 inches on the other. Forms were made of 4" x 4" X 12' timbers staked into the ground with rebar, and the deeper parts sheathed with plywood on the inside. The stringers holding the tower in place were 2" x 6" x 12'. My son and I did all the work ourselves, except for the backhoe dig, and of course purchased concrete.

15 yards of concrete were required, which were two large concrete trucks each three quarter full. I've attached a picture from after the first pour was complete, and after we were finished. For those that are accustomed to guyed towers which use smaller bases, this pour was the equivalent of 750 bags of concrete. That is, the big 80 lb. bags.

I will let the base set over the winter while I refurbish the tower (address corrosion, new cables, motor, rebuild the gearbox), and will mount it next spring using a local backhoe. The plan is to top it with a Tennadyne 30M to 10M log periodic. This will be a good companion to my current JK 40/20/15/10 Yagi which has a little more gain but no WARC capability. I will be able to run S02R in contests with one beam on Europe and the other on Asia or South America.

Not quite the AC0C stacks, but some good performers for a more modest installation. My hilly location helps a lot!

73,
Drew K3PA

Please send more pictures as the work progresses!-AB0X

NEW KCDXC WAZ AWARD CARD CHECKER

Also, K3PA reports he has been approved as a card checker for the CQ WAZ Award program! Contact Drew direct at drew@whisperingwoods.org to schedule a card checking appointment if you have cards for WAZ.

PAYPAL UPDATE FROM W0ZAP

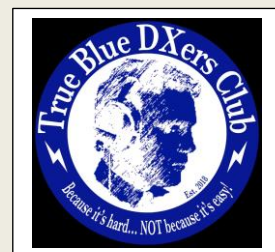
KCDXC Treasurer, W0ZAP, has updated the KCDXC Paypal account under his name and address. K0VBU has added the new link to the KCDXC web page. The email for the KCDXC Paypal is now KCDXCLLC@gmail.com.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

Here the info on the new DX group that has been created to reflect DX ham radio from the past. See what you think???

"Because it's hard...
TRUE BLUE DXers CLUB
...NOT because it's easy.

BY AB0X



If watching a computer make contacts for you is not your idea of DX...
...you are a True Blue DXer!

LET US TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY: WE ARE NOT AGAINST ANYTHING, OR ANYBODY

Digital modes, particularly FT8, have literally taken Ham Radio by storm. We at True Blue DXers Club (TBDXC) applaud technical innovation, and we are glad that so many people have found a new avenue for their amateur radio passion. We wish digital operators every success and lots of enjoyment.

HOWEVER

We are saddened that such explosion of activity has come to the detriment of traditional, person-to-person modes of communication. Experience tells us that, even with poor propagation and rising noise, both high-level, competitive DX activity and leisurely ragchewing on CW and SSB are possible and highly enjoyable, even for stations with modest means. Yet, the CW and SSB sub-bands are often nearly deserted, whilst the FT8 "watering holes" literally explode with signals which would be perfectly copiable by ear.

THEREFORE

The TBDXC was founded in early June 2018 primarily to bring together like-minded operators who may feel that their ethos and approach to DX communication is dying off. Given the level of enthusiasm the Club has triggered in only its first week of existence, this is obviously not the case. Practically, the aim of the Club is to a) to promote the use of radiotelegraphy (CW) and radiotelephony (SSB) in long-distance communications on the amateur bands; and b) to encourage the continuous improvement and refinement of the human, personal skills needed to do so. If the first paragraph on this page was not clear enough, let us repeat that this is not a crusade against digital modes, their developers and users. It is a crusade for a certain type of ham radio activity. In particular:

WE RECLAIM THE PRIDE AND JOY OF DXing AS A DIFFICULT, CHALLENGING PURSUIT

DXing means pushing the limits - one's own and the station's. DXing requires skills, knowledge, determination, patience, endurance, investment - it's a constant pursuit of excellence, one that, for some, has lasted a lifetime. It is that spirit that makes a DXer, and not the results he or she has achieved. The Old Timer waiting for the last DXCC country to complete the #1 Honor Roll and the newcomer struggling to push beyond 100 from a noisy city lot belong together - they are True Blue DXers.

WE LOVE THE PLEASURE AND WARMTH OF PERSON-TO-PERSON COMMUNICATION

There is more to DXing than competing in furious pileups, waiting for that elusive 6m opening or spending sleepless nights trying to dig a signal out of the noise on Top Band. Simply communicating with a fellow ham thousands of miles away remains, for most of us, an exquisite pleasure. True Blue DXers love the sound of DX - the auroral flutter on Polar paths, the slow fading over the oceans, the slapback delay on multipaths. They like to hear that there is a fellow ham behind the key or the microphone, in a faraway place.

IF THESE SIMPLE IDEAS SPEAK TO YOU, YOU ARE A TRUE BLUE DXer

Then, why not joining the Club? Apart from your personal commitment to pursuing and promoting more traditional forms of DX activity, there are no requirements. And, there are no membership fees. Belonging to the True Blue DXers Club is essentially a proud statement: this is what we do, this is who we are."

For True Blue DXers Home page info click: <https://www.tbdxc.net/>

NOW FOR SOME DX NEWS :

3D2/R, ROTUMA. Tony, 3D2AG, will once again visit his wife's family in December, and be active as 3D2AG/p. It is reported while there, Tony will erect a monument on the island to his son, who drowned during his last visit to the island in January this year. In his son's honor, Tony is calling this visit the "Rehanisi Memorial DXpedition". This trip will primarily be for the purpose of finalizing the tombstone memorial. He will stay on Rotuma (OC-060) until about mid-January 2021. Activity will mostly be on CW and FT8. QSL directly to the address on QRZ.com. Please note that ClubLog is ONLY for FT8! For CW contacts, use PayPal for direct QSOs please.

3V8, TUNISIA. Operator SWL Ashraf "Ash", 3V4-002 (KF5EYY) will be active as 3V8SS from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" in Sousse during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or LX1NO. Read about Ashraf on the following Web page at: <http://www.kf5eyy.info>

4L, GEORGIA. Members of the National Association Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG) &

Contest Station will be active as 4L0G from Tbilisi, Georgia, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th) as a Multi-Op entry. Operators mentioned are 4L1GGX, Mamuka/4L2M, Levan/4L5C and Gogita/4L7CE. QSL via EA7FTR (UT7QF for Ukraine).

4X & A6, ISRAEL AND U.A.E. (Special Event). Members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS) and Israel Amateur Radio Club (IARC) in collaboration will activate the following special event stations between October 16th and November 1st, to celebrate the Abraham Accord Peace agreement. Since COVID-19 does not permit a joint gathering and activation, each radio amateur will activate his private station with the special callsign and a number.

5E1, MOROCCO (Special Event). Members of a Moroccan radio group will be active as 5E1EC to commemorate the 40th day since the passing of Boumehdi El Moujahid, CN8EC, between October 23-31st. The group states that this is a tribute to an individual who was passionate and devoted to radio activity as well as a role model in ethics, a true leader and was admired by many of his colleagues. Operators mentioned are Kacem/CN8LR, Abdelghani/ CN8AM, Hassan/CN8SG, Mohamed/CN8KD, Azeddine/CN8PG, Mohamed/CN8AAD, Atmane/ CN8ATM, Mohamed/CN8PA, Saaïd/CN8WW and Kaoukab/CN8QR. QSL via RW6HS.

7Q, MALAWI. Operators from the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will be active as 7Q7RU near Embangweni, Malawi, between November 6-18th. Operators state, "We had planned to visit three exotic African countries in October-November, 2020, but just only Malawi borders are open for foreigners. The mentioned operators are Vasily/R7AL, Vasily/RA1ZZ, Al/RZ3K and possibly others (On-site support from Don/K6Z0/7Q6M and Junior/7Q7JN). Activity will be on 160/80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters (with a focus on 160/80m) using CW, SSB and FT8 (F/H mode). QSL via R7AL, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS. For more details and updates, see: <https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/7q7ru>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA (Reminder). Take, JG8NQJ, is once again active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group until mid-January 2021. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will usually be mainly on 17 meters, but will also be on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW (possibly RTTY), with a Yaesu FT-450 and 50W. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

JT, MONGOLIA. Members of the "Young Technician Castle" will be active as JT1KAI from Sukhbaatar Province, Mongolia, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 24-25th). Operators mentioned are NARAN/JT1BV, Suhe/JT1BZ, Bayar/ JT1BU and Sharkhuu/JT1CH. QSL via JT1KAI, direct or LoTW. The address for direct QSLs go to: Chinggis Khan Radio Club, C.P.O Box 2373, Ulaanbaatar-13, 15160, Mongolia.

U.S. POSTAL STOPPAGE (Updated as October 16th). The U.S. Postal Service is temporarily suspending international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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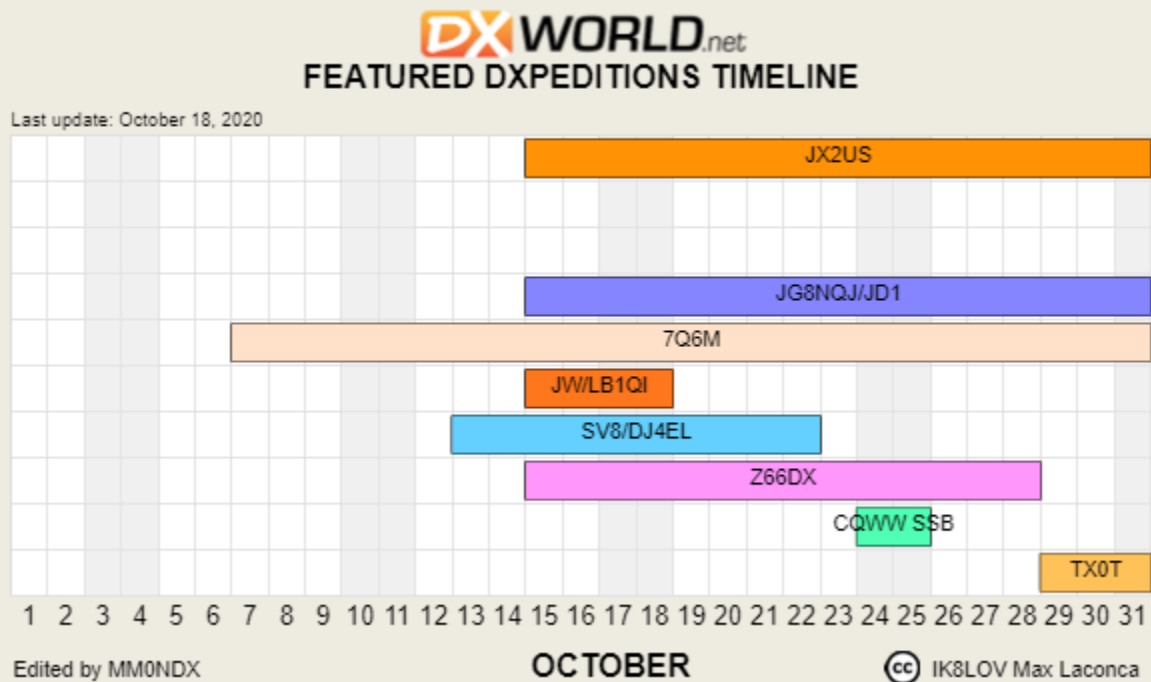
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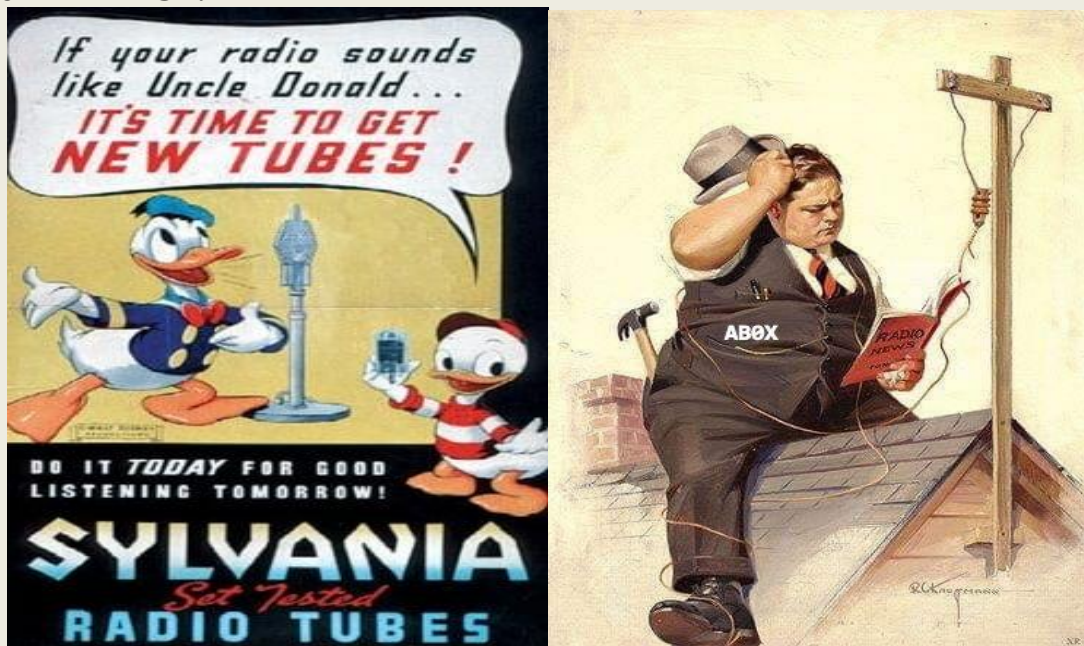
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<https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm>

THANKS OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

DE DX WORLD:



OLD IMAGES FROM THE PAST:



Local News: K0XM reports 93 DXCC countries confirmed on 160 Meters, with no amp. Chuck is nearing the magic number of 100 on Topband! Quite an achievement!

DX TRIVIA QUIZ

BY AB0X

1. The Canal Zone was a separate DXCC country back in the 1960's that surrounded the Panama Canal. What was the prefix?? A) KR6 B) KZ5 C) KP5 D) KP3.
2. What year was DXCC started in?? A) 1927 B) 1956 C) 1972 D) 1947.
3. EX is the prefix for what country? A) Kyrgyzstan B) Turkmenistan C) Kaliningrad D) Uzbekistan .
4. 9X is the prefix for what country? A) Geneva B) Zambia C) Vatican City D) Rwanda.
5. The Globe Electronics headquarters was ? A) Council Bluffs, IA B) Milwaukee, WI C) Dayton, OH D) Butler, MO.
6. What was the name of Danny Weil's ship? A) The SS Minnow B) The Jug C) The Endeavor D) None of the above.
7. Which was not a call held by Lee Bergren? A) W0AIW B) VP2MAR C) KP3AR D) VQ9AIW.
8. What former KCDXC President toured the South Pacific on a major DXpedition in the 1980's? A) AB0I B) N0RB C) K0CS D) KC0B .
9. Which of these writers was not the author of the "How's DX" Column in QST?
A) Rod Newkirk B) Bill Kenamer C) Bernie McClenny D) Ellen White.
10. Which of these DXCC countries is not Deleted? A) Scarborough Reef B) Kingman Reef C) Abu Ail D) Palestine.

Test your DX Knowledge! No cheating! Answers appear at the end of the newsletter.
Best score WINS a jar of BJ Catfish bait.

REMEMBER! SEND YOUR TOWER/ANTENNA PICTURES TO THE EDITOR AT ab0x@kc.rr.com

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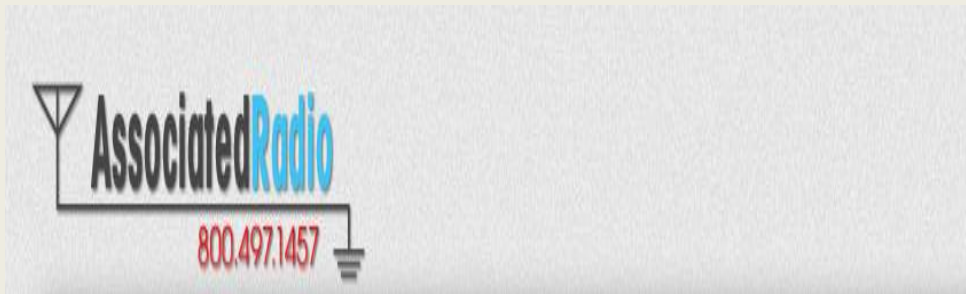


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